

**REMARKS**

By this amendment, independent claim 20 has been modified to set forth a curved trowel blade and a plane tangent thereto which is perpendicular to the plane defined by the handle. This clearly distinguishes over the prior art, which neither teaches nor suggests such a configuration. With regard to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, it is believed that the rejection of claim 20 has been overcome. Applicant feels that claim 25 is proper, since the "flattened ellipsis" is in cross-section, and not the outer surface. A replacement drawing sheet is attached hereto.

Questions regarding this application may be directed to the undersigned attorney by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail.

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